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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)

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Appln. No.: 09/217,937 ✓)

Filed: December 22, 1998 ✓)

For: OPTICAL DEVICE AND ✓)
METHOD FOR SELECTING
OBJECT OF FOCUS)

Examiner: Unassigned

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231



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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Application:

<u>APPLN. NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
09/317,944	May 25, 1999	2851	Pending

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(iii), no copy of any cited U.S. Application is enclosed.

REMARKS

The following documents are discussed at the following pages of the specification:

<u>Document</u>	<u>Page(s)</u>
4-67607	1
7-134238	12
10-161013	24

According to a commercial database, Japanese Patent Publication No. 4-67607 corresponds to Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 61-182516. Abstracts for Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application Nos. 7-134238, 10-161013, and 61-182516 were obtained from the commercial database and are also enclosed herewith.

FORMAL MATTERS

No fee is believed due; however, any fee required in connection with this paper should be charged to Deposit Account 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

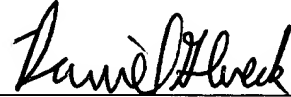
CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010.

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